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Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.12

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

Request the Secretary-General to designate, within existing resources, a clearly identifiable, qualified and competent focal point within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat, and to prepare, following consultation with the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and after soliciting the additional views of Governments, a report to be presented to it at its fift second session containing concrete proposals on ways and means to address, from cross-sectoral, interregional, regional and subregional points of view, the issue of international migration and development, including aspects related to objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development.

2. It should be noted that the Secretary-General has proposed, under section 8 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, a new post at the P-5 level within the Department to deal with the additional responsibilities in the field of international migration and development resulting from the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. The responsibilities of the post would include research and analysis of the human

rights aspects and economic consequences of international migration; the causes of international migration; levels and trends of international migration; the policies and programmes of sending and receiving countries; refugee flows; and the quality of data on international migration. The incumbent would also participate in the Task Force on International Migration in the context of follow-up to the above-mentioned Conference. The proposal of the Secretary-General is currently under review by the General Assembly in the context of its review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.